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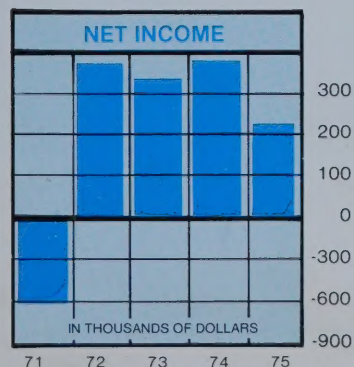
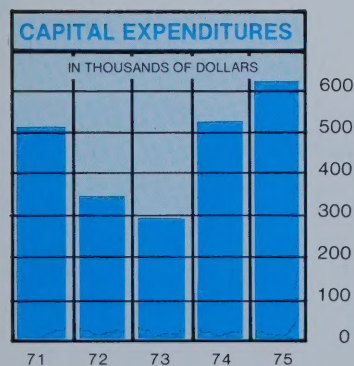
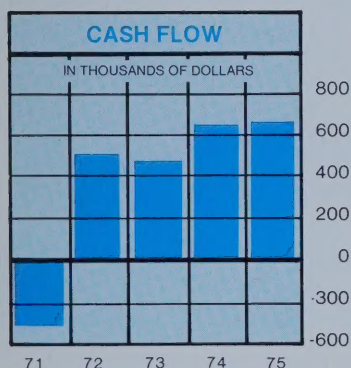
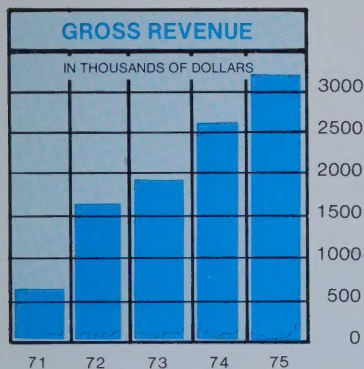
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1975 HIGHLIGHTS

- COM service in all eight branches.
- Asset base established for future COM revenue.
- Lease agreement signed for 6 COM systems.
- Record gross revenue for fifth straight year.
- Record pre-tax cash flow.
- Established personnel incentives remuneration plan
- Achieved 20% ownership in Lake Louise Lifts Ltd.

5 YEAR REVIEW

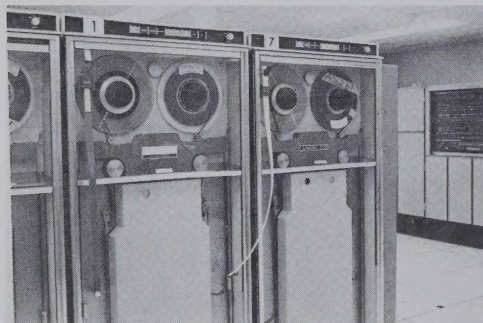
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

| <i>financial results</i> | 1975 | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 | 1971 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Gross revenue, before lease equipment amortization | \$3,181 | \$2,622 | \$1,894 | \$1,669 | \$ 676 |
| Pre-tax cash flow, before lease equipment amortization | 651 | 646 | 480 | 511 | (530) |
| Above figure per share | 14c | 14c | 11c | 11c | - |
| Depreciation and amortization | 407 | 248 | 165 | 144 | 15 |
| Pre-tax operating income . . . | 238 | 397 | 332 | 372 | (545) |
| Income taxes | 118 | 23 | - | - | - |
| Non-recurring items | 100 | - | - | - | (84) |
| Net earnings | 220 | 374 | 332 | 372 | (629) |
| Net earnings per share | 5c | 8c | 7c | 8c | - |

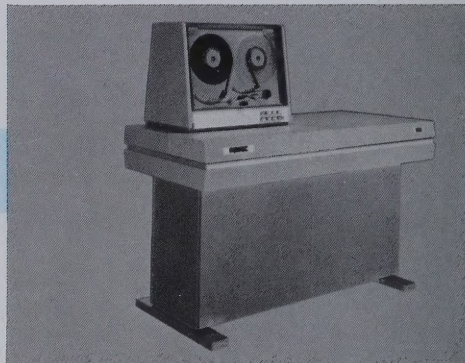
financial position

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Working capital | 387 | 571 | 682 | 354 | 31 |
| Investments | 245 | 127 | - | - | - |
| Fixed assets — at cost | 2,000 | 1,416 | 854 | 706 | 435 |
| Long-term debt | - | 78 | 346 | 285 | 151 |
| Shareholders' equity | 2,955 | 2,733 | 2,394 | 2,059 | 1,687 |
| S.E. per share | 62c | 58c | 53c | 45c | 37c |

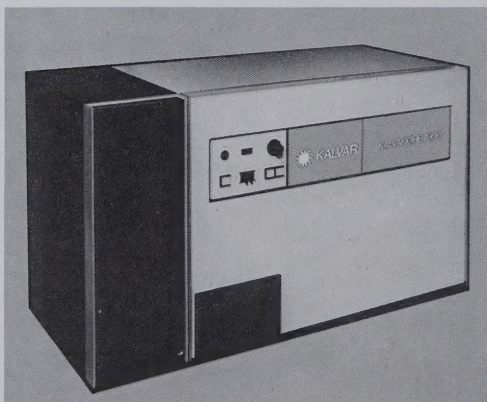
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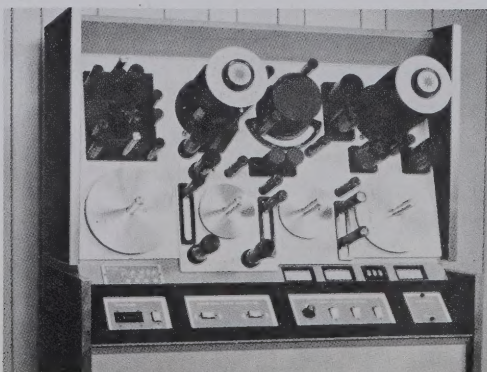
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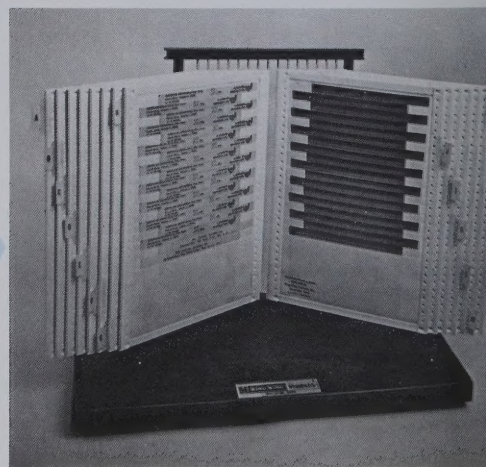
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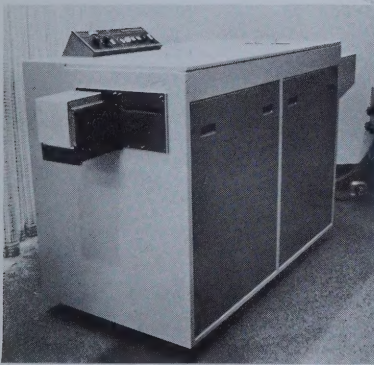
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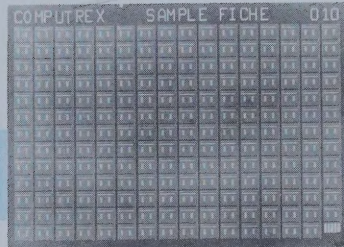
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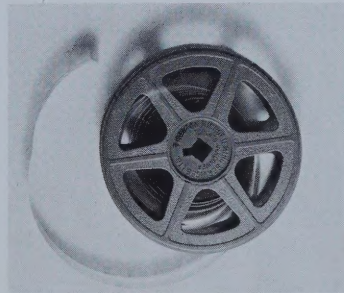
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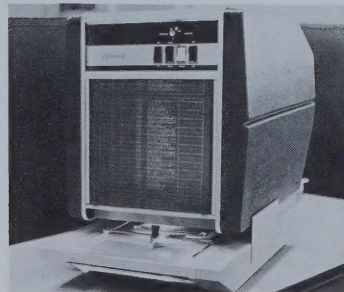
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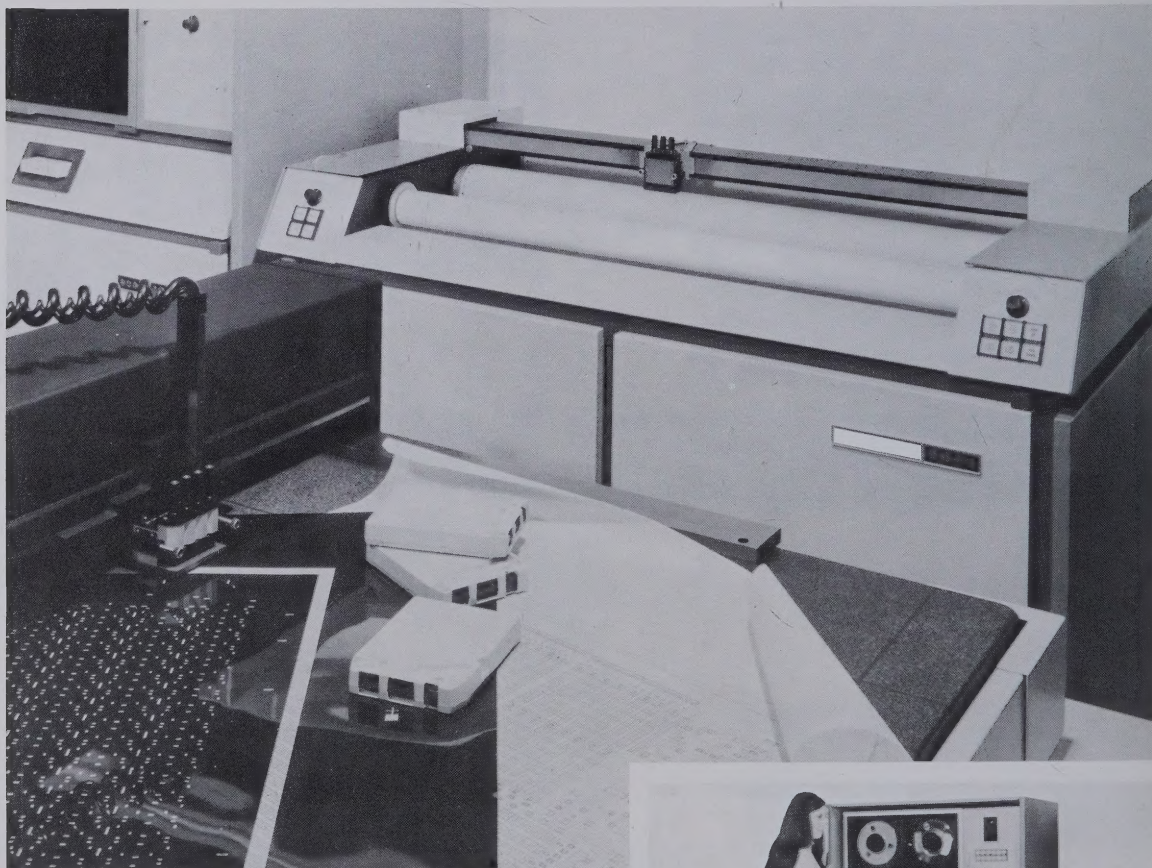


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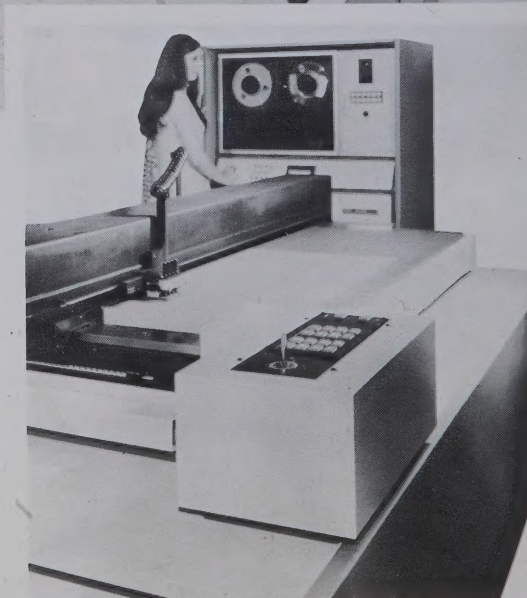


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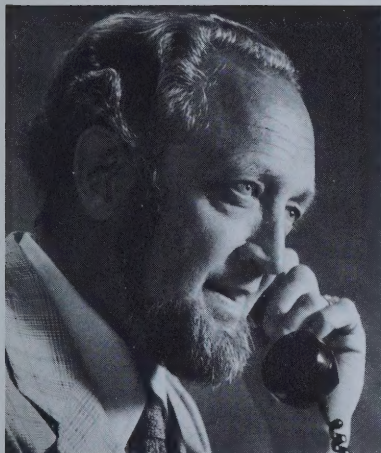
COMPUTER GRAPHICS SYSTEMS



High Speed Drum Plotter



Precision Flatbed Plotter



Other Developments during 1975

As you may know from the six-month statement, our Vice President, Bill Taylor, was killed in a Hang Glider accident at Frontier Days in Hope, B. C. last September. Although one does not replace a Bill Taylor, we have many of his responsibilities split between several competent individuals and are building a strong Head Office unit to cope with the challenges ahead.

In addition, we terminated a long-standing agreement with Calcomp, but are still very active in the "ink on paper" graphics plotting area. We will make some further announcement regarding this area of interest in the near future.

As for the Incoterm (Intelligent CRT) market, your company reduced its inventory by some \$75,000 in a recent agreement with Incoterm. We are now maintaining their hardware across Canada at a profitable margin, which shall grow with time.

Of special note, Computrex acquired additional shares in Lake Louise Lifts Ltd. last year to bring its holdings to 20.3% of the total outstanding shares of that company. This investment cost shows on the balance sheet at approximately \$245,000. The replacement value of this now profitable venture is appreciably higher than this amount and as soon as we have their year end statement (Sept. 30/75) we will advise our shareholders.

Following our year end, we also signed COM equipment lease agreements involving six (6) complete systems that will produce a gross income of more than 1.25 million over the next five years.

Future Prospects

Developments in technology in the Data Processing areas in which we are involved are rapid and the impacts, for good or for bad, are difficult to anticipate. We have the strong base, the cash flow, and the expertise in most areas. We are presently concentrating a large percentage of our efforts on a stronger sales force.

These efforts should result in better profits, but qualitative rather than quantitative marketing will be the key to success. One of the main factors in accomplishing greater sales per person is an effective profit sharing plan and sales incentive remuneration plan instituted in the last half of the year.

Computrex can achieve much improved gross revenue with the present qualified personnel and the present asset base. Competition is extremely tough in Canada in a relatively small market. Only those companies with all the right ingredients can survive, and Computrex is just such an organization.

G. M. Kernahan, P. Eng.
President

to the shareholders:

Five-Year Review

Since the 1971 year end, which involved a merger between Computrex and Micro Graphics Ltd., Computrex gross income has increased from \$676,000 to \$3,181,000 for the year ended March 31, 1975. The number of personnel has more than doubled and we have installed COM (Computer Output Microfilm) Centres in eight (8) major Canadian cities. In my 1974 report to the shareholders, I stated that we would establish two COM centres in Ottawa and Calgary — this has been accomplished and indications are that these COM installations could be profitable by 1976 year end.

In the past two years, we have spent approximately \$1,150,000 on new assets — a sum in excess of three (3) years previous to that period.

These planned expenditures were made to secure our position in the COM service market and in other areas of Computer Graphics, and consequently, depreciation (non-cash costs) has increased from \$248,000 last year to \$407,000 this year — a 64% increase. It is, therefore the responsibility of your management to exploit, through marketing, these relatively large capital outlays by improving our gross income and future profits.

Financial Data

With record gross income of \$3,181,000, record cash flow of \$651,000, but higher depreciation at \$407,000 — the resulting pre-tax income was lower at \$238,000. Nevertheless, long-term debt is zero — for the first time in history and shareholders equity is nearly 3 million dollars or 62c per share versus 58c per share last year.

Because your company is now fully taxable, our income taxes expense was \$118,000 for the current year vs. \$23,000 for last year. Our profit per share is down therefore, from 8c per share last year to 5c per share for the current year.

Working capital — considering no long-term debt requirements — is still a respectable \$387,000.

balance sheet

March 31, 1975 (with comparative figures for 1974)

assets

CURRENT ASSETS:

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cash | \$ 25,098 | 35,129 |
| Accounts receivable (Note 3) | 704,983 | 513,680 |
| Inventories — at lower of cost or net realizable value | 569,850 | 565,302 |
| Prepaid expenses and deposits | 12,114 | 24,551 |
| Total current assets | <u>1,312,045</u> | <u>1,138,662</u> |

LEASES RECEIVABLE including amounts maturing

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| within one year (Notes 1 and 3) | 58,308 | 197,757 |
| Deduct unearned income. | 10,065 | 68,108 |
| Net leases receivable. | <u>48,243</u> | <u>129,649</u> |

INVESTMENTS, at cost (no quoted market value)

245,919 127,455

RESIDUAL VALUE OF LEASED EQUIPMENT (Note 1)

102,567 103,588

NOTE RECEIVABLE including interest thereon

47,537 40,000

FIXED ASSETS — AT COST LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION (Note 3):

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Service bureau equipment | 1,472,654 | 1,168,334 |
| Casual rental equipment | 393,519 | 154,627 |
| Certifying plant. | - | 16,975 |
| Office furniture. | 55,105 | 44,526 |
| Automobiles | 15,279 | 15,265 |
| Leasehold improvements | 63,299 | 16,214 |
| | <u>1,999,856</u> | <u>1,415,941</u> |
| Deduct accumulated depreciation and amortization | 833,589 | 478,326 |
| | <u>1,166,267</u> | <u>937,615</u> |

OTHER ASSETS:

| | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Unamortized excess cost of subsidiary, subsequently liquidated (Note 2) | 918,156 | 953,356 |
| Goodwill — at cost | 25,206 | 25,206 |
| Cash surrender value of life insurance | 47,506 | 31,446 |
| | <u>990,868</u> | <u>1,010,008</u> |
| | <u>\$3,913,446</u> | <u>3,486,977</u> |

liabilities

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Bank loan (secured) (Note 3) | \$ 168,479 | 124,162 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 510,024 | 371,060 |
| Current portion of long-term debt (secured) (Note 3) | 55,182 | 49,308 |
| Income taxes payable | <u>191,200</u> | <u>23,500</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 924,885 | 568,030 |

LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 3):

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Bank loan | - | 76,800 |
| Other | <u>-</u> | <u>1,532</u> |
| | - | 78,332 |

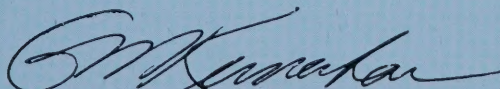
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| DEFERRED TAXES | 33,300 | 107,500 |
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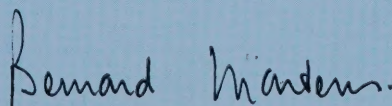
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Capital stock (Note 4): | | |
| Common shares of no par value | | |
| Authorized 6,000,000; issued 4,752,600 shares | | |
| (1974 — 4,746,000 shares) | 3,135,333 | 3,133,023 |
| Contributed surplus | 117,503 | 117,503 |
| Deficit | <u>(297,575)</u> | <u>(517,411)</u> |
| | <u>2,955,261</u> | <u>2,733,115</u> |

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 5)

Approval on behalf of the Board:

 , Director

 , Director

\$3,913,446

3,486,977

See accompanying notes.

statement of earnings

Year ended March 31, 1975 (with comparative figures for 1974)

INCOME:

| | 1975 | 1974 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Sales of supplies, equipment and services | \$2,828,318 | 2,449,580 |
| Equipment rentals earned | 246,984 | 142,740 |
| Investment and other income | 24,481 | 4,220 |
| | <u>3,099,783</u> | <u>2,596,540</u> |

EXPENSES:

| | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Cost of sales and services | 1,235,688 | 1,029,652 |
| Salaries and commissions | 761,556 | 558,043 |
| Equipment rentals | 26,709 | 33,930 |
| Rent — premises | 113,235 | 89,140 |
| Selling expenses | 112,084 | 80,686 |
| Other general and administrative expenses | 173,746 | 117,534 |
| Amortization of excess cost of subsidiary (Note 2) | 35,200 | 35,200 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 372,214 | 212,400 |
| Interest: | | |
| Long-term debt | 11,362 | 34,128 |
| Other | 20,486 | 868 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 7,538 |
| | <u>2,862,280</u> | <u>2,199,119</u> |

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Net earnings before income taxes and extraordinary items | 237,503 | 397,421 |
|---|---------|---------|

INCOME TAXES:

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current | 192,100 | 240,000 |
| Deferred | (74,200) | - |
| | <u>117,900</u> | <u>240,000</u> |

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Net earnings before extraordinary items | 119,603 | 157,421 |
|---|---------|---------|

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS:

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Income taxes recoverable arising on application of loss carry forward | - | 216,500 |
| Proceeds from life insurance policy | 100,233 | - |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| NET EARNINGS (Note 6) | <u>\$ 219,836</u> | <u>373,921</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|

See accompanying notes.

statement of changes in financial position

Year ended March 31, 1975 (with comparative figures for 1974)

| | 1975 | 1974 |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| FUNDS PROVIDED: | | |
| Net earnings before extraordinary items | \$ 119,603 | 157,421 |
| Add charges (credits) not requiring cash: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 372,214 | 212,400 |
| Deferred income taxes | (74,200) | - |
| Amortization of excess cost of subsidiary | 35,200 | 35,200 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets | (784) | 630 |
| Funds provided from operations | 452,033 | 405,651 |
| Extraordinary items: | | |
| Income taxes recoverable arising on application of loss carry forward. | - | 216,500 |
| Proceeds from life insurance policy | 100,233 | - |
| Decrease in residual value of leased equipment | 1,021 | 72,963 |
| Proceeds on issue of common shares | 2,310 | 72,450 |
| Increase in other long-term debt | - | 140,000 |
| Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets | 16,852 | 12,015 |
| Decrease in net leases receivable | 81,406 | 83,650 |
| Total funds provided | 653,855 | 1,003,229 |
| FUNDS APPLIED: | | |
| Issue of note receivable | - | 40,000 |
| Purchase of fixed assets | 616,934 | 525,019 |
| Purchase of investments. | 118,464 | 127,455 |
| Interest on note receivable. | 7,537 | - |
| Decrease in other long-term debt, net of current portion | 78,332 | 65,708 |
| Decrease in notes payable in respect of leases. | - | 341,487 |
| Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance. | 16,060 | 15,879 |
| Total funds applied | 837,327 | 1,115,548 |
| DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL | 183,472 | 112,319 |
| WORKING CAPITAL AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 570,632 | 682,951 |
| WORKING CAPITAL AT END OF YEAR | \$ 387,160 | 570,632 |

See accompanying notes.

statement of deficit

Year ended March 31, 1975 (with comparative figures for 1974)

| | 1975 | 1974 |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, as previously reported | \$ 517,411 | 783,832 |
| RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT to provide for deferred income taxes | - | 107,500 |
| BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, as restated | 517,411 | 891,332 |
| NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR | 219,836 | 373,921 |
| BALANCE AT END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 297,575</u> | <u>517,411</u> |

See accompanying notes.

auditor's report to the shareholders

We have examined the balance sheet of Computrex Centres Ltd. as of March 31, 1975 and the statements of earnings, deficit and changes in the financial position for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the company as of March 31, 1975 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Calgary, Alberta
June 30, 1975

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
Chartered Accountants

notes to financial statements

March 31, 1975

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

(a) Leases receivable:

For leases in effect prior to March 31, 1973, the Company follows the practice of recording the total lease contracts in force and residual value of leased equipment as assets. The excess of the rentals to be received over the cost of the equipment leased, less residual values, is credited to unearned income. The remainder of the unearned income will be transferred to income over the terms of the leases in diminishing monthly amounts on the sum of the digits method based on payments to be made in accordance with the lessees' contractual obligations. The balance of the payments deemed to be made is recorded as recovery of cost of leased equipment.

The leases in effect subsequent to March 31, 1973 are being accounted for by recognizing income in accordance with the lessees' contractual obligation. Similarly the equipment costs are included in fixed assets and accordingly are depreciated on a straight line method.

The lease contracts provide for equal periodic payments to be received over the terms of the leases. Based on leases outstanding at March 31, 1975 and entered into prior to March 31, 1973 the amount of rentals to be received over the remaining year of the leases is \$58,308.

(b) Depreciation:

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets as follows:

| Classification | Rate | Method |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Service bureau equipment | 15% and 20% | Straight line |
| Casual rental equipment | 20% | Straight line |
| Office furniture | 20% | Reducing balance |
| Automobiles | 30% | Reducing balance |
| Leasehold improvements | 20% | Straight line |

2. EXCESS COST OF SUBSIDIARY (liquidated):

Prior to 1971 the Company acquired all the issued and outstanding shares of Computrex Computer Centres Ltd. (which was subsequently liquidated) in exchange for 2,718,000 shares of the Company having an ascribed value of \$1,195,920. The excess of the cost over the underlying net book value of the subsidiary company, less amortization thereon, has been included in the accompanying balance sheet under the heading "Other Assets".

3. BANK LOANS:

The bank loans are secured as follows:

- (a) Assignment of certain lease and rental equipment contracts having an aggregate value of approximately \$244,022
- (b) Chattel mortgages on certain leased and casual rental equipment
- (c) General assignment of accounts receivable

The bank loan in respect of lease and rental equipment is repayable monthly to the extent of the monthly receipts from the lessees. During the year ended March 31, 1976 it is estimated that \$168,479 will be repaid.

Long-term debt is as follows:

| | Current | Long-term | Total |
|--|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Bank loan, payable \$209 per month, secured by chattel mortgage on certain equipment | \$ 1,532 | - | 1,532 |
| Bank loan, payable \$5,650 per month, secured by chattel mortgage on certain equipment and a general assignment of accounts receivable | 53,650 | - | 53,650 |
| | <u>\$ 55,182</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>55,182</u> |

4. CAPITAL STOCK:

During the year the Company issued 6,600 shares for cash aggregating \$2,310 under the employee stock option incentive plan.

The Company has reserved 277,400 common shares of its capital stock as follows:

Shares

100,000 By agreement dated August 12, 1969 the Company granted an option to its underwriter to purchase 100,000 common shares at \$2.25 per share during the period from August 1972 to 1979. The option is evidenced by warrants sold for a consideration of \$10,000, which amount is included in contributed surplus.

177,400 Under an employee and directors stock option incentive plan the Company reserved 200,000 common shares of the Company. Options will be granted at 35 cents per share exercisable on a non-cumulative basis in equal amounts for a period of not less than three and not more than five years from the date granted.

277,400

notes to financial statements — continued

5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The Company is committed to premises and equipment rentals aggregating approximately \$359,000 expiring at various dates up to 1980. The rentals with respect to the year ended March 31, 1976 will be approximately \$102,900.

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE:

| | 1975 | 1974 |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Before extraordinary item | \$ 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Extraordinary item | <u>0.02</u> | <u>0.05</u> |
| Net earnings | <u>\$ 0.05</u> | <u>0.08</u> |

The earnings per share figures are calculated using the monthly average of the number of shares outstanding during the respective fiscal year. No dilution of earnings would arise if all the shares reserved for options were exercised.

7. REMUNERATION:

The aggregate remuneration of directors and senior officers of the Company for the year ended March 31, 1975 amounted to \$68,900.

Statement in accordance with Section 199(2) of
The Companies Act (British Columbia)

The subsidiary companies have had no operations during the year ended March 31, 1975.

As the subsidiary companies are inactive and the accumulated losses of \$322,757 have been provided in the accounts of the parent company in prior years, consolidated financial statements have not been presented.

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SALES & SERVICE CENTRES



